Clearance to Power Projects

1939. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned US seeks speedy clearance for power projects appearing in the Indian Express dated October 13, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the total number of power projects at present pending for clearance with the Government from US;

(d) the total amount involved in these projects;

(e) the States where these projects are likely to be set up; and

(f) the time by which the final decision for their clearance is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Of the two projects cited in the news report, the 250 MW single unit lignite based thermal power project is proposed to be set up by M/s ST-CMS Electric Company at Nayveli in Tamil Nadu. The proposal has been accorded techno-economic clearance of Central Electricity Authority (CEA). The promoters have also signed a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) on 20.11.1996 and the signatories to the PPA are required to fulfil a few more conditions prior to obtaining the counter-guarantee of the Government of India. TNEB have informed that M/s Intergen of USA have withdrawn from the proposal to set up a 330.5 MW gas turbine power project at Pillai-perumalnallur.

(c) to (f) As on date Ministry of Power is monitoring 33 proposals, on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)/Letter of Intent (LoI), etc. route costing more than Rs. 100 crores and on the competitive bidding route costing more than Rs. 1000 crores for setting up of power projects in the private sector involving investment from the USA at an estimated cost of Rs. 73,263.41 crores. Ten of these proposals have been accorded techno-economic clearance of CEA. twenty two proposals have been accorded 'in-principle' clearance of CEA, and one proposal has been selected through the process of compelitive bidding. All the schemes which have been accorded 'in-principle' clearance are required to file their detailed project report (DPR) by 31.3.1997 for obtaining the techno-economic clearance of CEA. The States in which these projects are to be set up are Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Beer Production

1940. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES :
SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK :

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of companies producing beer including nonalcoholic beer in the country and the installed capacity of each of these companies;

(b) whether these companies are producing much beyond their licenced capacity;

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) if not, the reason therefor;

(e) whether any export obligation has been imposed on the companies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

PM's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme

1941. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have identified the Urban agglomerations proposed to be covered under the Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any such Urban Agglomeration in Karnataka has been included under the programme; and

(d) if so, the fund allocation made to Karnataka for the some so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 345 Urban Agglomerations and 72 Hill District Towns have been included in the Scheme as per the enclosed Statement.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Central share allocated for the year 1995-96 is Rs. 634.59 lakhs and Central share earmarked for 1996-97 is Rs. 560.52 lakhs.